

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A radio communication method of a mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controlling apparatus, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the mobile station being one of said plurality of mobile stations, the radio communication method comprising steps of:

~~step of~~receiving code information by message from the base station controlling apparatus or from one of said plurality of base stations, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code;

~~step of~~receiving timing information by message, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code;

~~step of~~switching the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received, said step of switching performed in synchronization with switching from the first code to the second code at the one of the plurality of base stations; and

~~step of~~transmitting a completion message from said mobile station to the base station controlling apparatus or to the one of said plurality of base stations to indicate completion of the step of switching from the first code to the second code ~~at the mobile station~~, wherein[[,]]

the timing information is used to synchronize the switching at the mobile station with the switching at the one of plurality of base stations.

Claims 8-12 (Cancelled).

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): A mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controlling apparatus, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the mobile station being one of said plurality of mobile stations, the base-mobile station comprising:

a switching unit configured to receive code information by message from the base station controlling apparatus or from one of said plurality of base stations, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code, said switching unit further configured to receive timing information by message, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code, said switching unit further configured to switch from the first code to the second code based on the code information and the timing information received and in synchronization with a switching from the first code to the second code at one of a plurality of base stations, said switching unit further configured to transmit a completion message to the base station controlling apparatus or to the one of said plurality of base stations to indicate completion switching from the first code to the second code ~~at the mobile station~~, wherein[[,]]

the timing information is used to synchronize the switching at the mobile station with the switching at the one of plurality of base stations.

Claims 14-18 (Cancelled).

Claim 19 (New): A radio communication method of a mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access

and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controlling apparatus, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the mobile station being one of said plurality of mobile stations, the radio communication method comprising steps of:

receiving at said mobile station code information by message from the base station controlling apparatus or from one of said plurality of base stations, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code;

receiving at said mobile station timing information by message, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code at said mobile station;

switching at said mobile station from the first code to the second code at said frame represented by said integer; and

transmitting from said mobile station a completion message to the base station controlling apparatus or to the one of said plurality of base stations to indicate completion of the step of switching from the first code to the second code, wherein

the timing information is further configured to enable the one of a plurality of base stations to switch from the first code to the second code at said frame represented by said integer.

Claim 20 (New): A mobile station used for a radio communication system employing CDMA (Code Division Multiple Access) for radio access and providing multi-rate transmission, the radio communication system including a base station controlling apparatus, a plurality of base stations, and a plurality of mobile stations, the mobile station being one of said plurality of mobile stations, the mobile station comprising:

a switching unit configured to receive code information by message from the base station controlling apparatus or from one of said plurality of base stations, said code information for switching a first code being used to a second code, said switching unit further configured to receive timing information by message, said timing information including an integer representing a frame at which the first code is switched to the second code at said mobile station, said switching unit further configured to switch from the first code to the second code at said frame represented by said integer, said switching unit further configured to transmit a completion message to the base station controlling apparatus or to the one of said plurality of base stations to indicate completion switching from the first code to the second code, wherein

the timing information is further configured to enable the one of a plurality of base stations to switch from the first code to the second code at said frame represented by said integer.